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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ISRAELI ACTIONS ON WEST BANK

REF: A. STATE 174828, B. JERUSALEM 1963, C. TEL AVIV 9116

1. SUMMARY: OUR INQUIRIES INTO REPORT OF GOJ COMPLAINT TO UN OVER MILGOV ORDERS TO REGISTER WB PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLED LABOR ARE INCONCLUSIVE. MFA SAYS COMPLAINT SUBMITTED, OFFICIAL OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AFFAIRS SAYS IT WASN'T. OF GREATER IMPORTANCE HOWEVER, IS GOJ CONCERN OVER VARIOUS REPORTS OF MILGOV PLANS TO COUNT WEST BANKERS AND TO RE-LICENSE HEALTH WORKERS. BOTH ARE CONSIDERED THE PREROGATIVE OF JORDAN, NOT OF OCCUPATION AUTHORITY. THESE ACTIONS ARE READ AS PREPARATION BY ISRAELIS TO FACILITATE FUTURE LAND CONFISCATIONS, LABOR UNION INFILTRATION AND CONTROL, REDUCTION OF HEALTH SERVICES AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF PREVAILING JORDANIAN LAW ON WB. END SUMMARY.

2. WE HAVE NOT HAD MUCH MORE SUCCESS THAN OTHER ADDRESSES
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IN PINNING DOWN SUBSTANCE BEHIND REUTERS REPORT (REF A) THAT JORDAN HAS COMPLAINED TO UN OVER ISRAELI MILGOV REQUIREMENT PUT ON WEST BANK LEADERS THAT THEY PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLED PERSONS LIVING IN AND OUTSIDE OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. LOCAL PRESS JULY 12 CARRIED STORY DATELINED

NEW YORK THAT GOJ PRESENTED A REPORT TO UN SECGEN WHICH CONTAINED COMPLAINT SUCH AS THE ONE OUTLINED IN REUTERS STORY. IN ADDITION, MFA OFFICIALS TELL US THEY ARE CERTAIN THAT OFFICIAL NOTE OF COMPLAINT WAS SENT FROM MFA TO UN ON THIS SUBJECT. MFA HOWEVER, SO FAR UNABLE TO LOCATE COPY OF NOTE OR TO TELL US WHERE IN GOVERNMENT NOTE WAS INITIATED.

4. SHAWKAT MAHMOUD, SECGEN OF EXEC COMMITTEE ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AFFAIRS, TOLD POLOFF CATEGORICALLY THAT NO OFFICIAL NOTE HAD BEEN SENT TO UN, SINCE THERE WAS AS YET NO NEED TO DO SO. (STORY IN LOCAL PRESS HAD BEEN INCORRECT, HE SAID.) MAHMOUD SAID THAT MILGOV'S ORDERS TO PREPARE LISTS OF ALL WEST BANKERS (INCLUDING THOSE TEMPORARILY ABROAD) HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 1 IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL OUTCRY AGAINST THIS "CENSUS". SHOULD MILGOV REACTIVATE THESE ORDERS, MAHMOUD SAID, GOJ WOULD INDEED SEND "PROTEST" NOTE TO UN. MAHMOUD ADDED THAT MORE SERIOUS THAN CENSUS, HOWEVER, WAS MILGOV ATTEMPT TO FORCE WB HEALTH WORKERS TO BE LICENSED BY GOI RATHER THAN BY GOJ. THIS WAS OVERT ATTEMPT BY MILGOV TO REPLACE JORDANIAN LAW IN WB AND THEREBY DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BANK. THIS ORDER TOO, HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 1 BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC CRITICISM IT HAD EVOKED.

5. MININFO OFFICIAL WITH GOOD WEST BANK CONTACTS WAS UNCONFIDENTIAL

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ABLE TO DISCOVER WHETHER OR NOT GOJ HAD LODGED COMPLAINT WITH UN. ON SUBSTANCE OF ALLEGED COMPLAINT, HE TOLD POLOFF THAT SOURCES REPORT THAT MILGOV BEGAN CENSUS-LIKE PROGRAM IN RAMALLAH ON JUNE 30. EVERY FAMILY WAS TO ANSWER A QUESTIONNAIRE ON ALL ITS MEMBERS, EXCLUDING CHILDREN UNDER 13. QUESTIONNAIRE WAS GIVEN TO ALL HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY WERE IN PROFESSIONAL OR SKILLED WORKER CATEGORY. SOURCES DID NOT SAY WHETHER RAMALLAH CITIZENS FILLED OUT QUESTIONNAIRES; MILGOV IN ANY CASE DID NOT TRY SCHEME ELSEWHERE.

6. COMMENT: CONTRADICTIONS IN THESE REPORTS ASIDE, IT APPEARS THAT GOJ AND WEST BANKERS ARE EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS OF MILGOV ATTEMPTS TO REGISTER OR COUNT WB RESIDENTS. SINISTER MOTIVES ARE IMMEDIATELY ASCRIBED TO THESE ACTIONS; THE MORE PRECISE INFORMATION THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES HAVE, THE THEORY GOES, THE EASIER IT IS FOR THEM TO CONFISCATE LAND, CHIP AWAY AT GOJ AUTHORITY, TAKE AWAY HEALTH SERVICES, OR INFILTRATE AND CONTROL LABOR AND PROFESSIONAL UNIONS. IF GOJ HAS IN FACT NOT YET SUBMITTED FORMAL COMPLAINT TO UN, IT WILL MOST LIKELY DO SO IF MILGOV REACTIVATES PLANS TO COLLECT LISTS OF WEST BANKERS OR TO

RELICENSE HEALTH WORKERS.SUDDARTH

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